MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, advance money for meeting the passage was sent.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether under the provisions of the T. S. R she is entitled to that advance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): She is entitled to the travelling allowance.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is she entitled to that advance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Advance is given at the discretion of Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any precedent in which that discretion was used?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are cases in which advance money was given for forward journeys.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore, this is a special case where advance money is given for return journey?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no speciality about it. The advance will be adjusted when the travelling allowance is paid.

Opening of a Maternity Ward in the General Hospital.

5. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state when the sanction of the Government was given for opening a maternity ward in the General Hospital and what is the cause of the delay in carrying this order into effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About three years ago, the question of converting the septic ward of the General Hospital into a lying-in ward, with labour room attached to it, was under contemplation. It was given up temporarily, as all the accommodation was needed for septic cases. The matter will be considered after the two new wards are occupied.

Rules re Night-schools.

6. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 25, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 21st Karkatakam 1101, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the rules sanctioned by them in connection with night-schools?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy* of the rules asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Pupils of Class VII in Vernacular Schools.

7. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total strength of Class VII of the Vernacular schools in the year 1101?

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[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(2) What was the number of pupils who sat for the examination and what was the number that passed?

(3) What was the percentage of success amongst the first year students in class VII?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) 8,063 at the beginning, and 8,206 at the end, of the year.

(2) 4,167 pupils sat for the examination, of whom 1,273 passed.

(3) The information is being collected.

Travancore Economic Journal in Malayalam.

8. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are satisfied with the agency that conducts the publication of the Travancore Economic Journal in Malayalam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Now that they are satisfied with the Malayalam edition, will the Government be pleased to consider the recommendation of the Economic Development Board to publish this journal in Tamil also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Though it does not arise strictly as a supplementary question, I may say that the matter will be considered.

Contracts for the Supply of Arrack.

9. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 200, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th Medam 1101, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) whether tenders were invited at the time when the period of contract for the supply of arrack was raised from two to four years;

(*b*) if so, the number of Travancoreans who sent in their tenders, together with their names and the amounts of their respective tenders;

(*c*) whether any of the Travancoreans who sent in tenders were given the contract; and, if so, their names and the amounts of their respective tenders;

(*d*) the names of the persons who are now given the contract for four years and also their contract amounts;

(*e*) the names of the persons who were given contracts since 1096, and the contract amount of each of them; and

(*f*) (i) whether any Travancoreans applied for this contract since 1096; and

(ii) if so, whether they were given the contracts; and, if not, the reasons for not giving the contracts to them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Messrs. T. V. Krishna Aiyar and partners, Vadiveesvaram, Nagercoil. The supply rates quoted by them were Bh. Rs. 2-6-7

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